

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

All members of Council were present except Councilor Emery; Mayor Stokes presided.

Presentation - Mayor's Awards for Excellence:
Individual Award to Mark and Deanna Burks-Walker
Business Award to Augusta Fuel Company
Service Organization Award to Bread of Life Ministries

Proclamation - November 8, 2013 be "Montenegro Welcome Day"

Public Hearing - Community Development Block Grant for Augusta Flat Iron Building
Municipal Development Program and Cony Village Down Payment
Assistance Program

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

READ, FIRST READING

13-186

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that safe and sanitary housing is critical to Augusta's residents and property owners; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of taxpayers that any tax dollars spent on housing be spent on units that meet basic safe and sanitary standards;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following ordinance be enacted:

General Assistance – Housing, Lodging, Rooming and Licensed Hotel Habitability

Any property owner, property manager, or agent receiving or wishing to receive rental payments from the city on behalf of any applicant must comply with MRSA Title 25, §2464, MRSA Title 25, §2468, 2009 NFPA Life Safety 101 codes, the Land Use Ordinance for the City of Augusta, and the Augusta Safe and Sanitary Housing Code. The city reserves the right to inspect any rental unit and lodging, rooming and licensed hotel unit for housing assistance prior to occupancy or as needed. The purpose of the inspection is to determine whether that unit or dwelling, in addition to all common spaces, are safe to occupy and in compliance with the laws, ordinances, and codes outlined here. The City Manager is authorized to promulgate rules detailing such inspection requirements, consistent with City Council policies. The city may

withhold payments of rent or other assistance if any portion of a property is found to be unsafe for occupancy due to violations of the laws, ordinances, and codes outlined here.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

13-187

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:

That Chapter 18, section 73 Schedule of no parking, restricted parking areas, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by deleting (stricken) and adding (underlined) the following:

Section 18-73 Bridge Street:

No parking on the north side from the intersection of North Street for a distance of one hundred forty-eight (148) feet easterly.

~~No parking on the south side from the west side of Spring Street westerly for one hundred thirteen (113) feet.~~

~~No parking on the south side from west side of Commercial Street running westerly to the east side of North Chestnut Street.~~

No parking on the south side of the street.

No parking on the north side from the westerly side of Crosby Street running westerly to sixty (60) feet westerly of the west side of State Street.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

READ, FIRST READING

13-178

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held October 17, 2013 submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Rollins

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien

Rollins, Bilodeau, Munson

Nays: 0

13-179

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of October, 2013 in the amount of \$7,156,676.08 be approved.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Rollins
Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Munson
Nays: 0

13-180

ORDERED, That the City Council accept donations from American Awards in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and Robert G. Fuller Jr. in the amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for the Petanque Courts at Mill Park.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Rollins
Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Munson
Nays: 0

13-181

ORDERED that Delaine Nye be reappointed to the Planning Board; said term to expire December 17, 2016.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Rollins
Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Munson
Nays: 0

13-182

ORDERED, That the following individuals be appointed to the Community Development Advisory Committee to over see and guide the Cony Flat Iron Revitalization project submitted by Maine Housing Initiatives through its planning and implementation process. Their terms will conclude upon satisfactory completion of the project.

Mark O'Brien
Delaine Nye
Phyllis von Herrlich
Mary Mayo Wescott
Roger Pomerleau
Nancy Merrick
Keith Luke, Staff

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Rollins
Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Munson
Nays: 0

13-183

ORDERED, That the tabulation results for the Municipal Election held November 5, 2013 submitted by the City Clerk, be and hereby certified.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Clerk notify, in writing, as directed by the Charter, the persons who have been elected; Article V., Sections 9 & 10.

Motion for passage by: Byron Second by: Paradis

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Munson

Nays: 0

13-184

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta has applied to the Department of Economic and Community Development for a Community Development Block Grant to carry out a community development program; and

WHEREAS the planning process required by Maine Law and the CDBG Program have been complied with, including participation in the planning process by low and moderate income families and individuals and the community has conducted at least one duly advertised public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met, all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Council of the City of Augusta that the City Manager:

Is authorized and has submitted an application for the Housing Assistance Program requesting \$500,000 from the State of Maine's CDBG Program, to the Department of Economic and Community Development on behalf of the City of Augusta, for the following projects; \$300,000 to the Augusta Flat Iron Building Municipal Development Program and \$200,000 to the Cony Village Down Payment Assistance Program, substantially in the form presented to this council; and

- 1) Is authorized to make assurances on behalf of the City of Augusta required as part of such applications, and
- 2) Is authorized and directed, upon acceptance of said funds to carry out the duties and responsibilities for implementing said program(s), consistent with the Charter of the City of Augusta and the laws and regulations governing planning and implementation of community development programs in the State of Maine.

Motion for passage by: Byron Second by: O'Brien

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Munson

Nays: 0

13-185

ORDERED, That the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit a State of Maine, Maine Forest Service, USDA Project Canopy Grant Application requesting the sum of (\$8,000.00) Eight Thousand Dollars for doing tree pruning and maintenance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City shall provide the required 50% match in combination of in-kind services and cash as appropriated by City Council as part of the annual budget process and appropriation.

Motion for passage by: Byron Second by: Paradis

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien

Rollins, Bilodeau, Munson

Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
November 8, 2013